

## Today

MICE IN RUSSIA.  
MARRIAGE IN MANILA.  
LORD ROBERT IN AMERICA.  
BROADBEARD BITES CHAINS.  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

South Russia is fighting, not against friends of czarism or the Turks, but against tiny field mice. Millions of acres have been ruined by these creatures, as many as 70,000 mouse burrows being found within three acres.

Anti-mouse conventions are held, and the peasants, whose crops are destroyed, because of their superstition oppose any attack on the mice. They say the field mice are God's creatures; a great supply of them means good crops.

Superstition is the worst enemy of human beings. It causes ignorant masses in India to fight against attempts to end the plague. It has caused millions of ignorant mothers to forbid nursing their children of vermin, because "vermin are a sign of health." They could not be persuaded that the vermin's bite alone spreads the deadly typhus.

Trotzky, head of the Russian army, should solve the mouse problem by sending his aviators, flying slow, to sweep the millions of infested areas with some efficient heavy poison gas that would sink into the mouse burrows. Flying machines and gas combined are destined, eventually, to wipe out many plagues, including perhaps the worst of disease-breeding microbes and the disease-carrying mosquitoes and flies.

The Filipinos will change their marriage laws as follows:  
"No Filipino girl may marry before she is 12 years old; no boy may marry before he is 14."

In tropical countries human beings mature early. But do you think the sons and daughters of children aged 12 and 14, can be able to take care of their own country with Japan looking over the edge of the water at them?  
This country will answer "No," especially if it turns out that there really are great quantities of coal and oil in the Philippines.

Lord Robert Cecil will travel up and down in our land, talking for the league of nations. All will listen politely; nine out of 10 will not understand what Cecil says. His English is not "American." Everybody will be glad to hear him. Nothing is more pleasant than a cultivated English voice, even if you don't know what it is saying about.

Concerning Lord Robert, remember that it is perfectly natural for him to believe that Great Britain should have the greatest empire, the greatest influence and that this country should gratefully and hastily accept any English suggestion of co-operation or "league."

Cecil's spirit has lived on earth in the bodies of important people in England for many centuries. His ancestor, Lord Burleigh, was the prime minister and political boss of "Queen Elizabeth." Lord Robert Cecil has been taught the motto: "England first and the rest nowhere."  
It is a good motto for England. We ought to get a little of it for the United States.

Physicians in London and the solemn Lancet are amazed at the performance of a Jewish athlete named Breitbart, or "Broadbeard." Thirty-four years old, six feet three inches tall, weighing 210 pounds and thin, he can bite through a steel chain one-fifth of an inch thick.  
He bends across his head an iron rail four inches thick, two and one-half inches wide.

The young man should be brought to this country to meet Mr. Dempsey. If he picked up Mr. Dempsey and bent him over the top of his head, or bit him in two, that would do more to end ignorant anti-semitic prejudice than all writings of Spinoza and Maimonides combined. That's how civilized we are.

Henry Ford went shopping yesterday; bought 125,000 acres of coal lands in Kentucky, for somewhere around \$20,000,000. With his annual income, that is like buying a spring overcoat for the average citizen.

Ford proposes to show that coal can be sold at a fair price and miners at the same time paid a fair price.

Why doesn't the government undertake such enterprises? It owns plenty of coal and plenty of gasoline and plenty of oil, and it ought to be interested in what interests 99 per cent of Americans—fair prices and fair wages.

Prout Faces Federal and State Criminal Charges

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Kearney, Neb., March 23.—Bert Prout, at one time engaged in the piano business here and wanted on charges of having forged several notes and selling mortgaged property, is being held at Chadron, Wyo., according to word received by Sheriff Sam Parr. Federal authorities are detaining him on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Prout, according to local charges, accepted notes in payment for pianos, sold the notes at a discount and then forged paper which he gave to pay for the pianos. He will be brought back for prosecution.

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Bring your children. They will enjoy this one hour of real High Grade entertainment. The following well known Omaha artists will appear: Frank Bucknam, banjoleist; Niemie Pester, reader; Mrs. J. J. Devaney, soprano; and Florence Roades at the piano. Remember the hour, 3:30 Saturday afternoon, March 24.

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## Tax Reform Bill Passes Senate; Goes to Voters

Measure Regulating Employment of County Agent Is Passed—Ice Cream Bill Is Killed.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, March 23.—The Nebraska senate today took action to permit the state of Nebraska to vote on the question of tax reform legislation when it passed the Rickard bill, S. F. 24.

The Rickard bill incorporates three proposed constitutional amendments, intended to redraft the state's revenue laws. They provide:

Repeat of the \$200 household goods exemption under the present assessment laws.

Provides for taxation of governmental subdivisions' bonds and warrants.

Taxation of municipally owned utilities.

County Agent Bill.  
Another measure passed by the senate was the Wittie bill, S. F. No. 9, covering the employment of county agents in Nebraska. The bill provides for the establishment of a farm bureau and county agent within Nebraska counties and further stipulates that if a renouncement, signed by one-fourth more farmers than attached their names to the original petition, is filed with the county board, the question shall come to a general vote.

S. F. 131, the ice cream measure introduced by Senator Gumb of Fremont reducing the butter fat content in ice cream, was killed on motion of its introducer after it had been amended in the committee to provide an increase to 17 per cent instead of a reduction.

These other bills were passed by the senate:  
Senate File 226, by Cooper—Gives court discretionary power to fix the bonds filed by bondsmen.

Senate File 109, by Osborne—Provides that state funds may be invested in irrigation warrants.

House Bill 234, by Hughes and Davis—Provides state aid county bridges may be operated as toll bridges until half of cost is collected.

These bills were reported out by the general file:  
H. R. 126, by Johnson—To enable citizens between 2,000 and 5,000 to have common form of government.

H. R. 218, by Regan—Allows lease of bonds in cities between 5,000 and 25,000 population to pay for private property appraised.

H. R. 587, by Rourke—Places supervision of sewer systems under city engineer.

H. R. 229—Making it a felony to destroy or change brands on cattle.

S. F. 26, by Wittie—Reduces from 7 to 6 per cent interest on warrants of governmental subdivisions below county and metropolitan cities.

Greeley High in Debate Wins Over Ord Argument

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Ord, Neb., March 23.—Greeley High school debaters won from Ord High school team on the question: "Resolved, that Nebraska should adopt the Kansas Industrial Court System." Ord supported the affirmative and Greeley the negative. Richard Mutter, Thelma Holloway and Earl Boebe represented Ord while the Greeley representatives were Charlotte Brannen, Mary Murphy and Patrick Davey. Superintendent B. A. Kennedy of Greeley presided. The vote was 2 to 1 for the negative.

At the recent declamatory contest Miss Effie Hershon won first honor place in the humorous division was awarded to Miss Inez Elberhart and she will represent Ord High at the district contest in Kearney.

Youth Freed of One Crime, Admits His Aid in Others

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Kearney, Neb., March 23.—Bert Carson, arrested in Aurora several days ago as an auto thief suspect, proved an alibi. In doing so he admitted implication in a series of store burglaries, involving a number of Lexington young men who have since been sentenced to the penitentiary. He denied participation in these burglaries but admitted, according to police, he had aided in disposing of some of the stolen goods. He has been taken to Lexington to stand trial.

Firemen's Pension Fund Bill Opposed by Insurance Men

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, March 23.—A delegation of insurance and business men from Omaha, led by F. T. H. Martin and Harry Moss, appeared before the senate insurance committee here. They presented arguments against the bill which would set aside 1 per cent of the gross premiums paid on fire insurance policies in Omaha and Lincoln as a pension fund for the firemen of the two cities. The objection is that this would add to the cost of fire insurance, as the extra tax would have to be collected from policy holders.

Large Class of Elks Is Initiated at Norfolk

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Norfolk, Neb., March 23.—One hundred and sixty-four candidates were elected into the Elks order here tonight. The city is filled with Elks from all parts of north Nebraska and southern South Dakota attending the annual stag banquet of the local Elks lodge.

## \$45,000 Saved State in Building Capitol

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into by the commission for the construction of the Nebraska state capitol building, except for elevators, which contract was let in the amount of \$164 in excess of the lowest bid, were let to the lowest bidder, of bids on file with the commission.

Second—That from all the evidence, testimony and information submitted at said hearings, the commission finds that Architect Goodhue received no personal profit or benefit, directly or indirectly, from or growing out of any contract or contracts, for material, or building or construction of the state capitol building.

Stone Is Tested.  
Third—That on the 22d day of March, 1923, the commission secured the services of Professor Mickey of the state university, under instructions and directions to remove a sufficient sample of stone, which has been criticised, from the terraced wall of the capitol building and that a proper and necessary test of said stone be made; that such sample was removed from said wall under the direction of Professor Mickey and by him tested, and from the official report made to the commission by Professor Mickey on March 23, the commission finds the pressure test made from such tests was 3,850 pounds pressure per square inch.

Fourth—It is the opinion of the members of the commission and their best judgment that the remainder of the terraced wall of the capitol building be finished and completed with the same grain, color and texture of stone which is now being used in the building, as the members of the commission believe that the stone now being used is of good material, very artistic and with the exception of color and texture, complies with all requirements of the specifications as originally drawn by the architect and as submitted to bidders.

Prices of Stone.  
Fifth.—The commission believes, after a thorough investigation and examination of representatives of the various stone quarries, that stone known as "coarse buff" is now selling at 45 cents per cubic foot and that stone known as "standard" is selling at 70 cents per cubic foot and that stone known as "select buff" is selling at 75 cents per cubic foot, and inasmuch as all three above described grades of stone are now being used in the construction of the capitol building in order to get the desired effect, and side walls of the building, as now being constructed are for all purposes as good as though "select buff" stone had been used throughout.

The commission is also agreed that the contractor for supplying the stone in the first section of the building should credit his account against the state or the capitol commission with the difference between the average price of all three grades of the said stone, which is 61 2/3 cents per cubic foot and 75 cents per cubic foot, the present price of "select buff," or a total of \$14,666.66.

The commission is also agreed that on the second and third sections of the capitol building that if, the commission, should have the option, under its contract with the Indiana quarries, to use, if it so desires, "coarse buff stone" at 45 cents per cubic foot, "standard" at 70 cents per cubic foot, or "select buff" at 75 cents per cubic foot.

Long-Time Resident Dies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lanham, Neb., March 23.—Mrs. Henry Munstermann, 69, resident of this place for 25 years, died at her home late Thursday of stomach trouble. She was born in Germany, and with her husband settled near in southwestern Gage county in 1887. One son, Henry Munstermann, farmer north of Lanham, survives. The husband died here two years ago. Three quarter sections of Gage county land are owned by the family.

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## Income Tax Bill Advanced After Fight in House

Twelve Members Disappeared When Vote Is Taken—56 Favor Passing Measure.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, March 23.—After a sharp fight in which party lines were obliterated, the lower house advanced the Osterman income tax bill to third reading today by a vote of 56 to 20. The most noticeable feature was the large number of members who disappeared before their names were called to vote.

The bill empowers the state to demand that every person making an income return to the federal government, prepare a duplicate of such return to the state. The state, county, school, city and township taxes paid by the individual, are added together and then subtracted from the amount paid to the federal government. The difference goes to the state.

For Income Tax—Aulen, Auxier, Axtell, Ball, Beushausen, Bock, Brown, Burke, Collins, G. S.; Davis of Fillmore; Dutcher, Egger, Ernst, Garber, Gordon, Green, Hall, Hardin, Heffernan, Huffe, Hyde, Jacoby, Johnson, Kiefer, Komper, Kendall, Lamb, Lundy, Mears, Mitchell, Moore, Morgan, Neff, Nelson, O'Gara, Orr, Osterman, Otteman, Peterson, Pollard, Quinn, Raasch, Reece, Regan, Reynolds, Smith, Sibbal, Thomsen, Timme, Vance, Wells, Whitehead, Wilson of Dawes; Winget, Yochum of Saunders.

Against—Allan, Amick, Bailey, Baldrige, Belding, Collins, G. B. Davis of Cass, Densmore, Donnelly, Dyball, Dysart, Elasser, Essum, Gallagher, Gould, Harrington, Hughes, Kautsky, Keyes, McCain, Miner, Rourke, Smiley, Staats, Strehlow, Ward, Wilson of Lancaster, Wise, Wood, Yochum of Otoe.

Absent and Not Voting—Broome, Colman, Dennis, Gilmore, Hanson, Haycock, Johnston, O'Malley, Parkinson, Svoboda, Thatcher, Speaker Mathers.

Three Receivers Give Dividends to State

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, March 23.—Secretary J. E. Hart of the department of trade and commerce today reported return of dividends to the state guaranty fund from three receivers of defunct banks as follows:

Ed. M. Warner, American State bank, Lincoln. Five per cent, making total return to guaranty fund of 40 per cent on \$216,528.71. The original draft was \$556,594.25.

Ben N. Saunders, Farmers State bank, Hader. Refund of \$113 per cent, making total return of \$13.3 per cent on \$79,975.50. Original draft, \$57,047.73.

Ben N. Saunders, Farmers State bank, Winslow. Six per cent. This bank was closed November 7, 1921, and amount drawn from guaranty fund at time of failure was \$205,721.42. The deposits on date of closing were \$426,391.58.

Additional dividends will be made in each case. Mr. Hart announced.

Henry Lawson Acquitted.

Boone, Ia., March 23.—Henry Lawson was found not guilty of the murder of William Shipley near here on January 8 by a Boone county district court jury today after 18 hours deliberations.

Lawson charged Shipley attacked him with a pitchfork and that he defended himself with his hunting rifle. He said he did not know that the rifle was discharged.

"Every man who has an article to sell, the price of which may change, is a speculator."

## Two Nebraska Cage Teams Lose Games

Manhattan, Kan., March 23.—Play in the first annual Missouri valley high school invitational basketball tournament began on the Kansas State Agricultural college court here today with nine teams participating. The scores this afternoon were: Oklahoma, Ia., 27; Manhattan, Kan., 21; Argentin, Kan., 42; Valparaiso, Neb., 25; Arkansas City, Kan., 45; Wahoo, Neb., 25; Clay Center, Kan., 36; Union, Ia., 17; Argentin, Kan., 23; Shawnee Mission, Kan., 27.

Tonight's play was between Argentin and Okmawa and Clay Center against Arkansas City.

## Doyle Funeral Set for Today

Omahans and Men Prominent in Politics Will Be Honorary Pallbearers.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, March 23.—The funeral of Thomas J. Doyle, Lincoln attorney, who died Thursday, will be held Saturday at 10 at the Catholic cathedral in charge of Rev. Father P. L. O'Loughlin.

The active pallbearers will be: Joseph W. Walt, W. E. Straub, Dr. W. H. Shattery, W. T. Penton, William S. Yates and Charles F. McLaughlin, Omaha.

The list of honorary pallbearers includes a number of prominent Omahans and members of the Nebraska supreme court and district court of Lancaster county.

The honorary pallbearers will be: John P. Sutton, A. V. Johnson, John H. Morehead, H. L. Metcalfe, Omaha; George L. Delaney, Omaha; T. W. Carroll, Edward Butler, H. J. Hall, Governor Charles W. Bryan, J. A. Wachter, L. G. Brian, John Lonsan, J. H. Broady, P. J. Cosgrave, D. J. Flaherty, C. C. Flansburg, F. M. Hall, J. P. Holmes, John Ledwith, Judge W. M. Morning, Leonard A. Flansburg, Judge W. E. Stewart, Judge Frederick Shepherd, Judge E. J. Clements, Chief Justice A. M. Morrissey, Judges George A. Day, James R. Dean, Charles E. Letton, William R. Rose, C. H. Aldrich and E. E. Good of the supreme court; Judge George C. Corcoran of York, Harry C. Lindsay, Charles E. Matson, John A. Maguire, Harvey Newbranch, Omaha; O. S. Spillman, Luke Finn, Morris Weil, Chancellor Samuel Avery, Dr. Van B. Smith and the Boy Scout court of honor.

Killed in Honeymoon Auto  
Huron, O., March 23.—A. J. Hart of Chicago was instantly killed and his bride was probably fatally injured yesterday when their "honeymoon" automobile skidded on a curve near here.

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